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LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

LINCOLN, RI 02865

DATE: January 12, 2006

TIME: 7:00pm – Budget Workshop - Open

PLACE: Lincoln High School - Library

135 Old River Road, Lincoln, RI 02865

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeffrey Weiss, Chair; MaryAnn Roll, Vice Chair; John Zangari, Clerk; Elizabeth Robson, Julie Zito, and Jerry St. Germain.

ADMINISTRATORS IN ATTENDANCE: John Tindall-Gibson, Superintendent; Georgia Fortunato, Lori Miller, Mark Gadbois, and Angelo Mencucci.

Motion by St. Germain to open meeting. Seconded by Roll. All in favor. Motion carried.

Angelo Mencucci reviewed the Capital Budget.

Mencucci discussed carpet removal at Northern, rooms 115, 116, and 117. They will be removing the carpet and replacing it with tile. There is a request for school lettering on the building for \$1,200, and fence installation along the brook.

Mencucci discussed stall replacement (\$14,000) at NELC. They want to paint the ceiling and the walls of the multi-purpose room. Install new lighting, replace wall mats on both sides of the gym, and install Bradley sinks. St. Germain requested enlarging the parking area. Mencucci will get prices, however, we will intrude on recess space and he doesn't feel it will alleviate the parking issue.

Mencucci discussed the high school. He is requesting an upgrade to the intercom system for privacy. Weiss asked if the intercoms are working. Yes, they are but it is a NEASC requirement. It might be possible to transfer the tile replacement to the existing bond. An asphalt walk way at the rear of the building is requested which was pointed out by the Albion Fire Department.

Mencucci discussed Central Elementary. The library will be expanded to twice its size, redoing the foyer entrance floor tile, will be redoing Bradley sinks, and a small enclosure where the secretary sits. Mencucci discussed hallway lighting. Weiss asked if an energy analysis can be done. Can't this go to bond? Install exterior lighting in front of the school, this is the same concept as the high school. He also discussed painting the outdoor canopy and paint the trim around the building.

Mencucci discussed Lonsdale Elementary. He discussed roof replace at the North and South wings. They were incorporated into the budget

last year. The multi-purpose room started to crack. Weiss asked if the auditorium floor can be painted. Mencucci said the chairs should be removed to do this but he will get a price. Ethier asked the age of the multi-purpose room. It is 20 years old.

Mencucci discussed Saylesville Elementary. He discussed replacing the lav stalls on the lower level. The carpet in the incline hallway is starting to pop. It must be in ADA compliance for special needs kids (non-skid surface). He discussed replacing carpeting in four classrooms and lighting in the multi-purpose room. I

Mencucci discussed Fairlawn Early Learning Center. He discussed installing air conditioning. Fortunato asked them to take into consideration that there have the extended school year program and there are medically fragile students.

Mencucci discussed Grounds. Weiss would like a matrix of where all equipment is. He is taking into consideration the new middle school. The bond does not have to provide for lawn equipment for the new middle school. Perhaps Parks & Recs will lend equipment. A one-ton dump truck was discussed. The F250 was bought with a plow package but the truck would be ruined after continuously plowing heavy snow in a short amount of time. Weiss discussed having a contractor on stand-by to plow, it must be cheaper than \$20,000. Newman asked Mencucci if he had one choice. He said he would have to assess the biggest needs.

Mencucci discussed the Administration building. It is currently in the bond of renovations. A study is being done on the building through an architectural firm for the feasibility of improving the building. The study will be completed in March. Zito would like a list of the completed projects.

A Budget Board New Middle School tour was decided to be held on Saturday, February 11, 2006 at 8:00am.

Miller discussed the Technology budget. There is a request in summer staffing assistance to move equipment over to the new middle school. Gadbois said the biggest chunk by far is the phone system. They are going to try to put the phone system out to bid next week if not sooner. That will take care of the middle school project as well as the Administration building project.

Tindall-Gibson discussed the Assistant Superintendent position and said he would send out a reorganization plan next week to be discussed on January 23, 2006.

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A woman from the audience questioned how substitutes were hired. Miller said we have a rotating list of retirees that are called but she

will follow up with the sub-caller to confirm. Weiss asked McComiskey if she knew. She said it was her understanding that she was calling the non-retirees first. Weiss said it could be possible to come up with a blended rate which will give us access to external subs. If it's a situation where the retirees never get called because they are too expensive, they might accept a lower rate if they actually got called. This is talked about in concept. The AESOP software should help and being posted on line. St. Germain discussed a four-day school week.

Tuitions for the Charter Schools are up. Roll asked how many Charters Schools there are. Miller said 10.

Miller discussed Fixed Charges. Negotiations is down \$90,000 because the contract is settled. There is still \$35,000 left over for the new middle school, there are still some things that need to be worked out. Survivor benefits, new positions, and certified retirement were discussed. The health insurance has increased this year because of the short fall that we had. Zito asked if Blue Cross sent in their renewal amount. Miller said no, we will not until April.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Zito. Seconded by Robson. All in favor. Motion carried.

JOHN ZANGARI, CLERK DATE